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U.S. PAPER ON DIPLOMATIC MOVES IN NORTH

SK050207 Seoul YONHAP in English 0142 GMT 5 May 84

[Text] Washington, 4 May (YONHAP)--As North Korean leader Kim Il-song prepares for his first trip to Moscow in 17 years, Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang left for Pyongyang Thursday apparently to shore up Kim's commitment to Korean peace talks, THE WASHINGTON POST reported Friday quoting diplomats in Beijing.

In a Beijing-dated story, the paper said Hu's visit fits into a larger diplomatic mosaic in which China and the United States have joined efforts to defuse tensions on the divided Korean peninsula. The cooperative venture reportedly was strengthened during President Ronald Reagan's meetings with Chinese leaders last week, it said.

Indicating that U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz went to Seoul following Reagan's China visit, the paper quoted diplomats as saying that Hu's visit to Pyongyang underlines Beijing's pivotal role in pacifying the region and comes at a critical juncture, with Kim heading for the Soviet Union later this month.

"Kim, the mercurial communist leader who has deftly played Moscow against Beijing for decades, acceded under Chinese pressure last January to propose tripartite reunification talks with Seoul and Washington," according to the paper.

Although Seoul has rejected the offer, the paper reported, Beijing considers Kim's peaceful overture a healthy sign and fears that his Moscow visit will result in new Soviet military assistance, refueling his goal to conquer the South.

"Hu, in his week-long visit, is expected to press Kim to relinquish the military option in favor of peaceful negotiations aimed at forming a confederation with Seoul's capitalist government," the paper said.

China, which backed North Korea in the Korean War, fears that a new conflict would force it to take up arms again and interrupt its concerted drive to modernize, according to the paper.

Despite a pledge to back North Korea if it is invaded, Beijing began intensifying efforts to get peace talks started after Pyongyang was implicated in October's bombing in Rangoon, Burma.

Kim has gone along with China's peace bid, but he is said to be unhappy with veiled Chinese criticism of the Rangoon incident, the paper observed.

Kim is believed to view his upcoming Moscow journey as an opportunity to regain diplomatic leverage over Beijing, which fears strong influence over its strategically important northeastern neighbor. Kim is expected to seek large amounts of Soviet economic and military assistance, as well as Moscow's blessing for Kim's son, Chong-il, 42 to succeed him as ruler.

"The last time Beijing pursued unofficial contacts with Seoul, in 1981, Kim suddenly turned to the Kremlin for military aid, intimidating the Chinese into breaking all ties with South Korea and offering more assistance to Pyongyang," according to the paper.

Citing recent Chinese contacts in sports with South Korea, the paper again quoted Western diplomats as saying that China views South Korea as a vibrant economic force with great potential as a customer for Chinese coal and other energy resources. Beijing also hopes its gestures toward South Korea will encourage the United States to open unofficial relations with the North, they were further quoted as saying.

The paper said Beijing has urged Kim to open Pyongyang's door to the West, as China has done, to help modernize the nation. At the same time, normalized ties with Washington could only help reunify Korea, according to Chinese thinking, the paper reported. In Beijing's view, Seoul's economy is booming at such a rate that it will be able to modernize its military much faster than will Pyongyang, giving it a military advantage by the end of the decade.

That prospect leaves Kim a choice of striking militarily now, turning to Moscow for massive military assistance at the expense of opening North Korea to Soviet military bases, or pursuing a strategy of peaceful negotiations and easing relations with the West, the paper observed.

China, which chose the last course for itself in approaching the Taiwan reunification question, recommends the same for its old ally, the paper concluded.

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REPORTAGE ON SUPPORT FOR TRIPARTITE TALKS

Guyanese Group

SK080351 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0334 GMT 8 Mar 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 8 Mar (KCNA)--A letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was adopted at a solidarity meeting of Guyana held on March 23 in support of the DPRK proposal for tripartite talks.

It said:

The proposal for tripartite talks advanced by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is a most just and realistic formula of negotiation reflecting the unbreakable will of the DPRK to resolve the dangerous situation on the Korean peninsula through dialogue and negotiation and by a peaceful means and truly put an end to the tragedy of division suffered by the Korean people.

But the imperialists and the South Korean authorities, far from responding to the proposal at an early date, are stepping up belligerent moves against the northern half of the DPRK.

In particular, the South Korean authorities proposed bilateral talks between the North and South, turning down the proposal for tripartite talks.

Such stand of the South Korean authorities without any political or economic power has no valid reason or ground whatsoever. Such stand of theirs is not one for really solving the urgent problem facing the nation.

The letter stressed that the United States and the South Korean authorities must respond to the realistic and reasonable proposal of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for tripartite talks at an early date.

The letter sincerely wishes the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song good health and a long life.

Zimbabwe Group

SK081056 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1017 GMT 8 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 8 Mar (KCNA)--A letter to the great leader Comrade Kim-Ilson was adopted at an annual meeting of the Zimbabwean National

Committee for supporting Korea's reunification held in Harare on March 27. The letter says:

We are convinced that the proposal for tripartite talks is a most realistic proposal for making all the U.S. imperialist aggression forces withdraw from South Korea so that such war rehearsals as the "Team Spirit 84" joint military exercises may not be held again in the southern half of the Korean peninsula and for providing a guarantee of peace in Korea.

The South Korean authorities are foolishly clamouring as if they were interested in "bilateral dialogue" between the North and the South. But, as clearly pointed out in the March 7 letter of the premier of the Administration Council of your country, they are dyed-in-the-wool puppets who can decide nothing without the approval of the United States.

We will in the future direct all the strength of our committee to activities for lifting up louder voices of justice supporting the proposal for tripartite talks, and thus contribute to providing a precondition for Korea's reunification through the adoption of a DPRK-USA peace agreement, the withdrawal of the U.S. Forces from South Korea and adoption of a non-aggression declaration between the North and the South.

The letter sincerely wishes the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song good health and a long life.

Polish Group

SK090359 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0339 GMT 9 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 9 May (KCNA)--A meeting was held on April 18 under the sponsorship of the Pulawy City Party Committee, the City Council and the Nitrogenous Fertilizer Factory in Pulawy City in Lublin Province, Poland, in celebration of the birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

Speeches were made at the meeting attended by the first secretary of the Pulawy City Party Committee and others.

In his speech the first secretary of the Nitrogenous Fertilizer Factory warmly greeted the birthday of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il-song and referred to the proud successes achieved by the Korean people in the revolution and construction under his wise leadership.

He said the Korean people should be allowed to realise the independent reunification of the country, the desire of the nation, in accordance with the proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo advanced by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

He supported our proposal for tripartite talks and denounced the new war provocation moves to the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique.

A similar meeting was held at the Barbados group for the study of the church idea of Comrade Kim Il-song on April 16.

At the meeting the chairman of the group delivered a report under the title "The Birth of Respected President Kim Il-song Is a Common Auspicious Day of Mankind". Then speeches were made.

The reporter and speakers lauded the brilliant history of the revolutionary activities of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and his undying feats.

A letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was adopted at the meeting.

Pakistani Group

SK090355 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0335 GMT 9 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 9 May (KCNA)--A meeting was held at the Pakistan-Korea Friendship Association on April 10 in celebration of the birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

A letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was adopted at the meeting. It said:

Your Excellency respected President Kim Il-song are a genuine leader of the people who has been devoting his life only to the independence of the country, the freedom and happiness of the people and the liberation of mankind.

The peoples of the Third World countries highly praise your excellency president as an outstanding leader of the Non-aligned Movement and unboundedly respect and trust your excellency.

To hold your excellency respected president in high esteem is the greatest honor and pride not only of the Korean people but also of the progressive people of Asia and the world.

We fully supported the proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo put forward by your excellency president for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and the DPRK proposal for tripartite talks and strongly demand the immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from South Korea along with their nuclear weapons.

The letter wholeheartedly wished the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song good health and a long life.

Rwandan Support

SK100427 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0415 GMT 10 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 10 May (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il received a letter of solidarity dated April 26 from Habinana Bonaventure.

general secretary of the Central Committee of the National Revolutionary Movement for Development of Rwanda, supporting the DPRK proposal for tripartite talks.

The letter says:

We highly estimate efforts made by the great leader His Excellency Kim Il-sung and the dear leader Your Excellency Kim Chong-il for overall work of the country, especially for the realisation of the complete reunification of Korea.

The proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo put forward by President Kim Il-sung in October 1980 and other concrete and clear proposals for realising the reunification of the country at an early date are those which can be put forward only by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The new proposal advanced by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea this time is an inspiring one to be fully supported by the international community.

All the fighters united around the national revolutionary movement for development of Rwanda under the leadership of His Excellency Major General Habyarimana Juvenal express their active support to and solidarity with the proposal for tripartite talks whose keynote is to sign a peace agreement with the United States, adopt a non-aggression declaration between the North and the South and withdraw foreign troops from South Korea.

We consider that the United States and South Korean authorities have no ground whatever to turn down this fair and reasonable proposal acceptable to anyone.

We are convinced that the Korean people under your wise leadership will surely achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country by applying the immortal *chuche* idea.

Please accept, your excellency, highest considerations.

Meetings in Japan

SK101029 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1017 GMT 10 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 10 May (KCNA)--An emergency meeting of people in Chiba, Japan, prefecture for supporting the proposal for tripartite talks was held on April 21.

After speeches were made at the meeting, Fukuhei Ichikawa, general secretary of the Chiba prefectural solidarity committee for supporting the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea, delivered a keynote report.

In the report he called for widely explaining and propagandizing the proposal for tripartite talks and actively struggling for its realisation.

A resolution adopted at the meeting expressed full support to the proposal for tripartite talks and stressed that the solidarity movement for carrying the proposal into practice and for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea should be further expanded and strengthened.

Resolutions supporting the proposal for tripartite talks were also adopted at a meeting of Japanese and Korean women which was held on April 19 in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, on the birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and at the 37th regular meeting of the Saitama prefectural headquarters of the Japan Socialist Party held on April 22.

Resolutions and statements supporting our proposal for tripartite talks were published respectively at the Kyoto prefectural headquarters of the Japan Socialist Party on April 7, at the Kyoto committee for supporting the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea on April 10, at the Kyoto Peace Committee and Shiga, Kyoto, district headquarters of the All-Japan Metal Industry Workers Unions of the General Council of Unions of Japan (SOHYO) on April 2, at a joint meeting of the Shiga, Kyoto, district of the National Federation of Industrial Trade Union Organisations on April 9, and at the Transport Workers Unions in Kyoto on April 22.

More than 100 individual figures in Saitama Prefecture including Yuji Tadamatsu, chairman of the Saitama prefectural headquarters of the Japan Socialist Party, Akitada Takahashi, chairman of the council of the Saitama Prefectural Workers Unions, and Masateru Matsumura, general secretary of the Saitama Prefectural People's Council for supporting the realisation of the founding of the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo published an appeal in joint name supporting our proposal for tripartite talks on April 28.

A broad signature campaign demanding the realisation of the tripartite talks has been launched by the Saitama Prefectural People's Council for supporting the realisation of the founding of the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo.

SRV, Ecuadoran Parties

SK111018 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1007 GMT 11 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 11 May (KCNA)--The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam on April 11, expressing support to the proposal of the DPRK for tripartite talks, said that the proposal is an important step for making the U.S. troops withdraw from South Korea, concluding a peace agreement, easing the tension on the Korean peninsula and realising the reunification of Korea.

The Communist Party of Vietnam stated that the Vietnamese party and people would consistently support the reasonable proposal of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country without foreign interference.

In its statement dated April 23 the Socialist Revolutionary Party of Ecuador said:

The Socialist Revolutionary Party of Ecuador fully supports the DPRK proposal for holding tripartite talks with the United States and the South Korean authorities.

It is urgently necessary for preventing the Korean peninsula from turning into a theatre of war to hold tripartite talks.

The Government of the United States and the South Korean authorities are under moral obligation before the world public opinion to affirmatively respond to the earnest proposal advanced by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

If the U.S. Government and the South Korean authorities refuse to accept the proposal for tripartite talks, this will show that they are trying to increase the tension on the Korean peninsula.

The Socialist Revolutionary Party of Ecuador warmly hails and supports the DPRK proposal calling for the conclusion of a peace agreement between the DPRK and the United States, withdrawal of the U.S. troops from South Korea, adoption of a non-aggression declaration between the North and the South and the conversion of the Korean peninsula into a nuclear-free zone.

If this important proposal is realized, it will be made possible to avert a war which will start a new global war and provide a precondition for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

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PAPERS HIT CHON'S CALL FOR ABIDING BY LAW

SK041035 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1023 GMT 4 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 4 May (KCNA)--Papers here today carry signed commentaries exposing the deceptive nature of the South Korean fascist clique's preach for "abiding by the law" at a "ceremony on day of the law" May 1.

That day the traitor Chon Tu-hwan, in his "address" read by proxy by the puppet prime minister, cried that the "law abiding spirit" and "consciousness of order" should be firmly established and the "law" in South Korea is one for defending the "rights and liberties" of the people and to abide by the "law" is to guarantee "liberty."

Commenting on this, NODONG SINMUN says:

There may exist laws which operate as a tool of power politics reflecting the will of the foreign aggression forces and ruling class and serving their interests, but there cannot be a law for the people in a colonial society like South Korea.

As for the traitor Chon Tu-hwan, he is a fascist fanatic who has turned South Korea into a horrible prison and the worst place where human rights are violated most ruthlessly in the world with murderous evil laws and suppressive network.

As soon as he seated himself in the chair of the puppet president, he trumped up "laws" at random ignoring even the "legislative procedures" set by his clique. Today, evil laws number over 16,000 in South Korea.

All the evil laws malrevised and cooked up by the traitor Chon Tu-hwan up to this day are without exception those for binding the people hand and foot in pursuance of his personal pleasure and long-term office.

The preach for "abiding by the law" made by the Chon Tu-hwan group that day is nothing but an order to the people not to resist the military fascist terror rule but meekly obey it like a slave.

Dictators who are forsaken by the people are trying in vain to find a way out in brandishing the bayonet and wielding murderous evil laws.

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DAILY LASHES SOUTH'S PROPAGANDA AGAINST STUDENTS

SK060835 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0815 GMT 6 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 6 May (KCNA)--NODONG SINMUN today lashes at the South Korean puppets for fabricating printed material describing the struggle of the students as "use of violence" for the purpose of blocking their movement for democracy.

The author of the commentary says:

Though printed material scattered in the campus of Chonnam University and an appeal of Tongguk University were found in different places, it is not hard to gather that they are of the same origin in view of the similarity of their contents. It goes without saying that they were all rigged up by the puppets to block the movement of students for democracy.

The demonstrations described and slandered by the oppressors as "use of violence" under the name of others are not action students desire. If the campus problem can be solved through dialogue, students will not try to take to the streets for demonstration.

The South Korean students have expressed more than once their desire for democratic rights and freedom. But the campus remains as ever a pandemonium of secret agents and military drill ground and nothing has been solved.

Through their experience the South Korean students have keenly realized that they can achieve nothing by means of "dialogue," or petition.

The students will not cease their struggle till the democratisation of the campus and society has been realised.

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RESOLUTION ON KOREA ADOPTED AT SOFIA MEETING

SK070507 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0428 GMT 7 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 7 May (KCNA)--A resolution on Korea was adopted by the 14th meeting of the International Union of Students held in Sofia in April.

The resolution says:

The meeting considers that it is entirely attributable to the U.S. imperialists' occupation of South Korea and their colonial subjugation policy and "two Koreas" plot that Korea has not yet been reunified.

It also considers that South Korea has virtually turned into a colony and a nuclear military base of the United States in all aspects of social life.

It denounces the U.S. imperialists' "two Koreas" plot, frantic arms buildup and new war provocation maneuvers.

It opposes the formation of a triangular military alliance of the United States, Japan and South Korea.

It condemns the present ruling circles of Japan actively availing themselves of the U.S. Korean and Asian strategy.

Expressing support to the people and students of Korea in their struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, the resolution notes:

The meeting considers that Korea should be reunified in an independent and peaceful way on the basis of great national unity and it is a most realistic and reasonable way to achieve national reunification by means of establishing a confederal state in accordance with the proposal to found the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo.

The meeting welcomes the DPRK proposal for tripartite talks.

The resolution stresses that the meeting decided to observe as ever the period from June 25 to July 27 every year as a month of international solidarity with the Korean people and students struggling for the withdrawal of the U.S. Forces from South Korea and the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.
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CHON REGIME CREATES 'ANOTHER SUPPRESSIVE TOOL'

SK110818 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0808 GMT 11 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 11 May (KCNA)--The Chon Tu-hwan fascist clique on May 8 trumped up another suppressive tool called "Crime Prevention Mobile Patrol Corps" under the puppet Seoul City Police Bureau and held its inaugural ceremony at the Youido Plaza, according to a report.

The puppets plan to dispose this patrol corps formed with picked police bandits equipped with more than 570 patrol cars and motorcycles at 23 police stations and police booths in Seoul City for 24-hour-patrol duty in the residential quarters and other areas for suppression.

At the close of March last, the Chon Tu-hwan puppet clique held a joint meeting of the investigation section and security section chiefs of cities and provinces of South Korea and took "comprehensive measures for crime prevention" to newly install more than 600 suppression posts in the residential quarters and supply the "foot patrol corps" in Seoul, Kwangju, Pusan and other major cities with the suppressive apparatuses for intensifying the crackdown.

Under this measure, the puppets on the pretext of "prevention of incidents", cooked up a suppressive tool called the "midnight detective corps" with fencing-detectives under the age of 40 controlled by the puppet Taegu City Police Bureau, and this was followed by formation of "autonomous crime prevention corps", "newsboy crime prevention corps" and "mother crime prevention corps."

All this shows once again that the Chon Tu-hwan group is a gang of tyrants engrossed in watching and obliterating the people's anti-"government" tendency and anti-fascist struggle for democracy.

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SOUTH'S 'SUPPRESSION' OF STUDENTS--Pyongyang, 9 May (KCNA)--And ADN News Agency of the German Democratic Republic on May 4 exposed the brutal suppression of the South Korean students by the Chon Tu-hwan fascist clique. It said under the title "Police's Brutalities Against South Korean Students": The police used truncheons and tear gas canisters to crack down upon the demonstration of more than 4,000 students of Koryo University in Seoul on May 4. The students protested against the brutal murder of six students who had been drafted into the barracks for their participation in a demonstration last year. Over 400 students were sentenced to long-term imprisonment last year on charges of participation in the protest demonstration against the Chon Tu-hwan "regime." In recent days alone, more than 18,000 South Korean students were expelled from the campus because they held demonstrations against fascism and for the democratisation of society. [Text] [SK091007 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1000 GMT 9 May 84]

SOUTH KOREAN 'FINANCIAL RETRENCHMENT'--Pyongyang, 11 May (KCNA)--The South Korean puppet minister of finance babbled that he would strengthen "financial retrenchment" in the future at a press conference which was held on May 7, according to "Radio No 1" in Seoul. The puppet clique is restricting the finance in every way, while controlling the bank loans through "financial retrenchment." As a consequence, minor enterprises are going bankrupt, having no means to get funds and business depression is being further deepened owing to the serious shortage of fund in the circulation field. Such being the situation, the puppet clique is running amuck to strengthen the "financial retrenchment" in a bid to squeeze money for the upkeep of the fascist rule and for criminal war preparations from the people. [Text] [SK110511 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0459 GMT 11 May 84]

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S.KOREA/POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

PARTIES AGREE TO HOLD THREE ASSEMBLY PANELS

SK100201 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 10 May 84 p 1

[Text] Floor leaders of three major political parties agreed yesterday to convene the National Assembly Commerce-Industry Committee tomorrow and two other panels next week.

The two are the Construction Committee, which will meet Monday, and the Foreign Affairs Committee which is to meet Thursday.

The Commerce-Industry Committee will discuss problems facing small-and medium-sized companies. Lawmakers are expected also to question the government on American protectionism against Korean color TV sets.

The construction panel will deal with the government's housing policy, particularly the current method of putting newly built apartments up for public sale. The scheme, under which new flats are virtually auctioned, has been under heavy fire for allegedly having contributed to rising prices of homes in big cities.

The Foreign Affairs Committee will review recent developments in treatment of the Korean question, including the recent visit to China by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and a trip to North Korea by Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang.

The floor leaders also agreed to hold a meeting of the Agriculture-Fisheries Committee soon, but decided to set the date later.

The agro-fisheries panel would be asked to work out solutions for farmers faced with increasing debts and falling prices for pigs and cattle.

During the meeting, floor leaders of the opposition Democratic Korea and National parties also sought to convene separate meetings of three other committees--Defense, Home Affairs and Education-Information. The request, however, was rejected by Yi Chong-chan, floor leader of the ruling Democratic Justice Party.

After the meeting, Yi told reporters that the floor leaders will meet again late next week to discuss further the convening of the three panels.

Im Chong-ki of the main opposition Democratic Korea Party said the defense panel should deal with the annual defense ministers' conference of Korea and the United States in Seoul.

The education-information and home affairs panels should deal with campus problems and the increase in juvenile crime, respectively, Im said.

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HOUSING, FARM PROBLEMS--Two parliamentary committees will be in session next week to debate the scarcity of housing in urban areas and farm problems. Floor leaders of three major political parties got together Thursday night and agreed to convene two meetings of the construction and agriculture-fisheries committees next week. The agro-fisheries panel will handle problems facing farmers including their debts which have risen sharply in recent years and prices of pigs and cattle which are on the downturn. According to Yi Chong-chan, floor leader of the ruling Democratic Justice Party, the construction committee will concentrate on the current method of putting newly built apartments up for public sale. The scheme, under which new flats are virtually auctioned, has been under heavy fire for having allegedly contributed to rising prices of collective homes in large cities, particularly Seoul. Rep Yim Chong-ki, floor leader of the main opposition Democratic Korea Party, joined Rep Kim Chong-ha to call for convocation of other panels, foreign affairs, home affairs, information and commerce. Kim is floor leader of the opposition Korean National Party. The proposal, however, was rejected by the ruling camp, said Yim. On the stalled interparty negotiations on how to revise the National Assembly Election Law, the DJP floor leader suggested that the talks be resumed after Pope John Paul II leaves Korea Monday. [Text] [SK050013 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 5 May 84 p 1]

STATE-INVESTED FIRMS CHAIRMEN--Prime Minister Chin Yi-chong fervently explained yesterday the necessity of posting chairmen to 25 state-run firms, apparently mindful of criticism by opposition political parties. While presenting letters of appointment to the new chairmen, the premier said the positions had to be created because operation of the firms had not been impressive. He called on the new chairmen to give their best efforts in setting management goals and drafting company operation plans so that company presidents can operate their firms efficiently. After presenting the appointment letters, he hosted tea for the new chairmen, an exceptional gesture for such an occasion. The opposition parties insisted that creating new positions at the state-invested companies gives an impression that the government is favoring a certain group of people. The new chairmen are mostly former cabinet ministers and retired generals. [Text] [SK050033 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 5 May 84 p 4]

UNITY AMONG PARTY MEMBERS--Korea National Party president Kim Chong-chol appealed for "reconciliation" and "unity" among party members as he hosted a luncheon in honor of seven new recruits yesterday. "It is important for all of us to work for strong party unity and reconciliation," said Kim at the luncheon held at his spacious home in Hongun-dong on the northern outskirts of Seoul. Last year, the party experienced a severe ideological battle between those lawmakers who were previously affiliated with the now disbanded Democratic Republican Party and freshman lawmakers. One of the recruits was Sin Hyong-sik, former DRP secretary general. [From the column "Out and About"] [Text] [SK050145 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 5 May 84 p 4]

ELECTION LAW REVISION--Reaction to a persistent demand by the opposition party to begin negotiations for revision of the parliamentary election law, DJP Floor Leader Yi Chong-chang said: What is different between the ruling and opposition camp is that the opposition party can unilaterally insist on its views while the ruling camp needs a step called advance negotiation. Floor Leader Yi suggested that negotiations would take place in the near future, noting "the extraordinary session of the assembly in June should finalize negotiations for revision of the election law from the viewpoints of both logic and political morality so that the 12th general election can begin on 12 October." Replying to a question about the time when the DJP will have finalized its draft, Floor Leader Yi said "How can we go [to] the negotiating table without a card?," thus suggesting that the DJP prepared a secret plan. With regard to the issue of opening the standing committees of the National Assembly, Floor Leader Yi said that "I believe that the floor leaders from the three parties will reach an agreement in the meeting slated for 9 May." [From the column "Political Scene"] [Text] [SK081158 Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean 8 May 84 p 2]

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DAILY EDITORIAL MARKS 5 MAY CHILDREN'S DAY

SK050017 Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English 5 May 84 p 4

[Editorial: "Better Care for Children"]

[Text] It is only proper that a day is set aside during this verdant and vibrant month of May to honor children as we reaffirm our devotion to the cause of their full development and well-being. This is of vital importance because the character of the younger generation will determine the future of the nation and the world.

The designation of Children's Day on May 5 as a public holiday by the government years ago enhanced public awareness of the dignity and value of children as future citizens and leaders of our society.

The official holiday promotes the status of the younger generation and strengthens family ties between parents and their children, thus laying the ground work for moral and social revitalization.

Traditionally our children and women have been relegated to obscure and unfavorable positions in the family as well as society. Many serious hindrances, institutional as well as psychological, prevented their full maturation as citizens.

Fortunately, however, the pioneers of Korea's modernization were progressive enough to designate a spring day to honor our children.

Three decades ago a group of enlightened Korean scholars, musicians, artists and dramatists got together to organize an association of intellectuals and social workers concerned with the sound upbringing of Korean children, who were suffering from colonial subjugation and social backwardness.

Under the leadership of Pang Chong-hwan, the Saektonghoe Society led the campaign to establish Children's Day in Korea. It is remarkable that these pioneers anticipated many other nations and all international organizations to declare a special day to honor the world's children.

Children's Day focuses our attention on the problem of Korea's disintegrating family system, spreading juvenile delinquency and disoriented elementary and secondary education systems. The hasty and haphazard liberalization

of school life, as exemplified by the abolition of school uniforms and proper hairstyles, seems to have added a negative element to the disciplining of our youth.

Primary school classrooms are overcrowded and in short supply. Teaching aids at schools are inadequate and teachers are overworked. Community playgrounds are too few and are poorly stocked with recreational equipment.

Unwanted babies are born and abandoned while adequate nurseries and orphanages are scarce. Handicapped and retarded children have few institutions at which they can receive proper rehabilitation. Young people's obsession for video games and professional spectator sports are wasting too much of their free time.

The exploding entertainment industry has left many of our children hedonistic and spoiled. Television programs, cartoons and comic books of inferior quality have adversely affected our younger generation. A recent survey rated 83 percent of available comic books unsuitable for young minds.

Korea's youngsters and their parents are beset with these and a host of the hazards to the mental health of our most precious asset--children. Children's Day is a reminder to adults to take better care of our successors and provide the best possible education for them.

May is crowded with dates related to family and educational affairs: Children's Day on May 5, Parents' Day on May 8, and Teachers' Day on May 15. These dates offer meaningful opportunities for renewing our concern for the healthy development of Korea's youth.

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S. KOREA/POPULATION, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

REPORTAGE ON POPE JOHN PAUL'S VISIT TO COUNTRY

Visits Taegu

SK050327 Seoul YONHAP in English 0314 GMT 5 May 84

[Text] Taegu, Korea, 5 May (YONHAP)—Taegu, South Korea's third largest city and the site of one of the country's three archdioceses was in a festive mood when Pope John Paul II arrived here Saturday morning on the third day of his five-day pastoral visit to Korea.

Upon his arrival at an air base, the Polish born pontiff knelt down to kiss the ground in a gesture of benediction.

The first Roman Catholic Pope ever to visit South Korea was met at the airport by Taegu Archbishop John Sye and other Catholic priests and nuns, government officials, including Taegu City Mayor Yi Sang-hui. Women in traditional costumes, men in suits, citizens and children with papal flags and national flags also welcomed the pope.

The pope's third day in Korea coincided with children's day, a national holiday which falls on May 5.

The pope Friday offered a message of love on the occasion of children's day. He said, "I, John Paul II, as the representative of Jesus, as bishop of Rome, offer my love to every boy and girl in Korea to each and every one without any distinction...."

The pope's visit to Korea was timed to highlight the bicentennial of Korea's Catholic Church which has rapidly grown in the past two decades--from about 190,000 to 1.7 million.

After a brief welcoming ceremony at the airport, the bullet-proof "popenobile" headed for the 50,000-seat Taegu citizens' stadium to hold an open-air mass and ordain 38 deacons from all Korean dioceses to the priesthood. The largest number, 11, were from Seoul and one was from the Franciscan order.

Welcomed by a farmers dancing troupe and 50,000 Catholics waving white and yellow colored cloth, the symbol of the Vatican flag, the pontiff made a round of the stadium before sitting down on a chair by the altar.

After expressing his sincere gratitude for the pope's visit to the Taegu Archdiocese, Taegu archbishop introduced young attendants to the pope calling them "servants who will carry the love of Christ."

Saturday has been officially named the "day of sharing."

After the mass, Pak Yong-mi, 23, a youth representative, read a welcoming address in English. The pontiff was also presented with a watermelon and apple, the symbols of the city, by a high school girl, wine by a married couple and other gifts.

Situated on a plateau, 300 kilometers southeast of Seoul, Taegu is located in North Kyongsang Province.

The Taegu archdiocese has 166,414 Catholics of whom women account for 60 percent. The number also represents 9.72 percent of the total Catholics in South Korea which has a population of 40 million.

In Taegu, there is one archbishop, one bishop, three monsignors and 161 priests—142 Koreans and 18 foreigners--and 84 monks, including six foreigners, and 593 nuns, including 12 foreign sisters.

Blesses Children

SK050744 Seoul YONHAP in English 0727 GMT 5 May 84

[Text] Taegu, Korea, 5 May (YONHAP)--Pope John Paul II blessed more than 1,500 Catholic children at a cathedral on the way to the Bishop John Sye's house from the citizens' stadium where he ordained 38 Korean deacons before an estimated 55,000 Catholics on the third day of his five-day pastoral visit to Korea Saturday.

The children clad in the traditional Korean costume, "hanbok," welcomed the pontiff, who turns 64 in a few days, waving the paper and Korean national flags.

The pope placed his hands on the heads of the children who packed either side of the 20-meter path from the church's gate to the cathedral. He also had a brief conversation with them before he entered the cathedral.

More than 10,000 Catholics and lay people also welcomed the pope near the cathedral.

May 5, Saturday, is the children's day holiday in this country.

The pontiff then proceeded to the bishop's house of the Taegu archdiocese. He rested and ate lunch there with Apostolic Pro-nuncio Francesco Monterisi, Cardinal Stephen Kim Sou-hwan, and five Taegu provincial bishops.

After the lunch, the pope left for the southern port city of Pusan on board a helicopter to meet with an estimated 300,000 workers, farmers and fishermen at the city's Su Yong airport.

The Pusan diocese, established in 1957 by Pope Pius XII, now has 165,200 Catholics, 58 parishes, 99 priests, 524 members of religious communities and 89 seminarians. The Most Rev Gabriel Lee is the bishop of Pusan.

Meets With Clergy

SK052249 Seoul YONHAP in English 1505 GMT 5 May 84

[Text] Seoul, 5 May (YONHAP)--Pope John Paul II Saturday called upon South Korean Catholic clergy and religious to "show Jesus to your people" and to "share Jesus with your people."

In a meeting with the nation's clergy and religious [leaders] at a Catholic university here, the Roman Catholic leader said, "This is the Jesus whom you represent, the eternal Son of the Father who became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary and who wishes to be visible in you."

Quoting a sentence from the [book of] Matthew that says, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," the pontiff said that the truth of the beatitudes is manifested in the "heroic witness of the Korean martyrs."

"The truth of the beatitudes is also manifested in the priesthood and religious life, for these are a particular incarnation of the beatitudes," the pope said.

He also said one of the greatest joys of coming to Korea is "that I am able, here in your land, to canonize your martyrs," and added that among them are priests, including "your first Korean priest, Father Andrew Kim Tae-kon."

Stressing that priestly holiness means being like Christ and doing the Father's will, the pope said, "You are called to 'live by faith in the Son of God' and to love the Word of God." "This Word of God moves you to praise God's name with joyful hearts and to obey his commands and counsels."

He expressed gratitude to God for the many vocations to the priesthood and religious life which have characterized the Korean church in recent years.

"I encourage you to pray for more vocations, and to try continuously to foster them among the people whom you serve. Ask the Korean martyrs to intercede for this special intention, which is so important for the future of the church."

Receives Painting

SK050219 Seoul YONHAP in English 0207 GMT 5 May 84

[Text] Seoul, 5 May (YONHAP)--A large picture painted by famous Korean painter Kim Ki-chang was offered to visiting Pope John Paul II through the Holy See's Ambassador to Seoul Francesco Monterisi and will be exhibited in the Vatican museum.

The painting, which portrays a church, nuns and pigeons, was produced three months after the painter's youngest daughter was born in 1957. His daughter, who resembles a nun in the picture, later became a nun and now serves in Manila, the Philippines.

It will be the first of its kind to be exhibited in the Holy See's museum.

Decorated by Boy Scouts

SK050747 Seoul YONHAP in English 0733 GMT 5 May 84

[Text] Taegu, Korea, 5 May (YONHAP)--The Boy Scouts of Korea Saturday decorated Pope John Paul II with its most prestigious honor, the Mugunghwa (Rose of Sharon) medal, for his contribution to the development of the scouting movement throughout the world.

Scout President Kim Suk-won presented the medal to the pope after an open-air mass held at the citizen's stadium here.

An estimated 60,000 young Catholics attended the mass, which the pontiff celebrated for the "Youth Congress" on the "day of sharing," the third day of his May 3-7 pastoral visit to South Korea.

'Popgun' Fired at Pope

SK060039 Seoul YONHAP in English 0035 GMT 6 May 84

[Text] Seoul, 6 May (YONHAP)--A gunman, who appeared to be in his 20s, brandished what one witness described as a "popgun" and fired shots at Pope John Paul II who was traveling in his bulletproof vehicle in downtown Seoul on his way to a local cathedral.

The attempt on the pontiff's life occurred at 8:12 a.m. Sunday (23:12 GMT Saturday) on a major boulevard near the cathedral.

No details on the gunman were immediately known.

YONHAP NEWS AGENCY's city reporter, Cho Son-hui, who witnessed the scene, said that the attacker, clad in a blue jacket, leaped out from the crowd and fired what appeared to be a revolver at the pontiff while the pope's bulletproof "popemobile" was passing by a corner leading to the cathedral.

About twenty security service men with the pope surrounded the pontiff while others overpowered the young man and disarmed him.

The gun was identified as a popgun, which does no harm to the human body, even if actually fired.

The pontiff looked somewhat surprised, face reddened, the moment the young man fired his gun. Soon the pontiff's face returned to normal. Once again, he waved his hands to well-wishers before entering the cathedral.

Security service men and Korean policemen searched the nearby area but found no substantial clue into the shooting.

Korean police are interrogating the man.

Further on Attack Incident

SK060143 Seoul YONHAP in English 0136 GMT 6 May 84

[Text] Seoul, 6 May (YONHAP)--The gun used in the seeming attempt on Pope John Paul's life early Sunday morning was a plastic toy pistol, police authorities investigating the incident said.

According to a YONHAP reporter, who was at the scene when the incident occurred, the assailant, identified as Yi Son-kyu, 22, pretended to take a photo and dashed from behind the crowd welcoming the pope as the pontiff was passing by and fired the toy gun.

The assailant then dropped his toy pistol to the ground as security personnel who were escorting the pope tackled him.

Shortly before being arrested by the security agent, the assailant held both hands up in a sign of exuberance.

Pope John Paul II and Cardinal Stephen Kim Su-hwan looked back from the bulletproof "popemobile" to see what happened, but soon turned their faces to the front and smiled.

The pope was traveling to downtown Seoul's Myongdong Cathedral where he was to say a mass, the first official event of his fourth day in Korea, "the day of witness."

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said "no shots" were fired, but police officials said the man fired a "popgun" shortly before the pope's motorcade passed by en route to the cathedral.

The police said the man fired the toy weapon and was seized immediately after security guards fired their own weapons into the crowd.

Identification of Pope's Assailant

SK060516 Seoul YONHAP in English 0445 GMT 6 Mar 84

[Text] Seoul, 6 May (YONHAP)--The young Korean man who seemingly attempted to harm Pope John Paul II with a toy gun has been identified as Yi Chun-kyu, 23, a junior at a local university majoring in public administration police authorities said.

Born in Ansung, a countryside town 50 kilometers south of Seoul, Yi graduated from a vocational high school in 1981 and entered the university, which police identified only as "M" University, in March 1982.

Yi has one brother and both his parents are living. His father Yi Yong-song, a merchant, said he has worried because his son has shown signs of a "mental disorder," according to the police announcement.

An official in charge of "M" University's student affairs, said Yi was unsociable. The official, informed of the incident by police shortly after it occurred Sunday morning at 8:11 a.m. (23:11 GMT Saturday), expressed his shock.

'Popgun' Fired 'for Fun'

SK061032 Seoul YONHAP in English 1014 GMT 6 May 84

[Text] Seoul, 6 May (YONHAP)--The assailant who shot a plastic toy pistol at the pope early Sunday morning stated that he fired the popgun "to surprise the pope just for fun."

A government announcement said that Yi Chun-kyu, the 22-year-old assailant, told the investigating authorities he considered himself a friend of the pope and he committed the act because he had an urge to surprise the pope just for fun.

Yi fired the toy gun at the bullet-proof popemobile at 08:12 Sunday (23:12 GMT Saturday) as it made its way to Myongdong Cathedral where the pontiff was to officiate a mass.

The announcement said Yi, a student at a local college, has shown symptoms of psychosis for two years.

Yi told the investigators he fired a gun salute to welcome the pope, the announcement said.

Sojourn of Pope

SK070110 Seoul YONHAP in English 0041 GMT 7 May 84

[Text] Seoul, May 7 (YONHAP)--Winding up his five-day visit to South Korea, Pope John Paul II left here Monday for Papua New Guinea, the second stop

of his tour of four Asian and Pacific nations that also include the Solomon Islands and Thailand.

While in Korea, the pontiff succeeded in spreading a message of peace and reconciliation by preaching the gospel at several scheduled events throughout the country. Pope John Paul II is the first Roman Catholic Pontiff to have visited South Korea.

Upon arriving at Seoul's Kimpo International Airport May 3, the pontiff began a cramped schedule of activities to commemorate the bicentennial of Korean Catholic Church. The pope celebrated several open-air masses that attracted hundreds of thousands of people and met with the nation's leading figures from various walks of life.

Enthusiastic crowds greeted the pope wherever he visited chanting "viva papa" and "long live the pope." While traveling by motorcade from the airport to a martyrs shrine here through downtown Seoul, an estimated 1.5 million citizens lined the streets to welcome the pope.

The pontiff had an hour-long meeting late Thursday with South Korean President Chon Tu-hwan in which the two expressed hope that tension on the Korean peninsula would be eased through an early resumption of dialogue between South and North Korea to realize peaceful reunification of the divided land.

On May 4, the second day of his Korean visit, dubbed "the day of reconciliation," the pope celebrated an open-air mass at the nation's southern provincial capital of Kwangju and baptized and confirmed 72 new converts, with some 70,000 people in attendance.

He then visited a leper colony on the island of Sorokdo off the nation's southwestern coast, and later met in Seoul with foreign envoys accredited to Korea. The pope called for "sincere dialogue and mutual collaboration" for a more just order in the world.

The pontiff started his third day Saturday, "the day of sharing," with two more open-air masses in the nation's second and third largest cities of Pusan and Taegu for youths and workers. Later in the day, he separately met with South Korean clergy and religious and with leading cultural personalities.

The pontiff's Korean visit culminated in the celebration of a mammoth mass at Seoul's Yoido Plaza Sunday morning.

A crowd of more than one million people gathered at the plaza to attend the papal mass that commemorated the introduction of the Roman Catholic faith into Korea 200 years ago. The pope canonized 93 Korean and 10 French martyrs who sacrificed their introducing the religion during the mass.

The pope, saying the mass mostly in English, often speaking in Korean, French and Latin, demonstrated the Vatican's solidarity with the Korean church.

After meeting with the leaders of the nation's traditional religions and Protestant groups, the pope attended a special event, titled a "meeting with young people," a program one Catholic official said the pontiff considered the "most meaningful" of the 19 official events scheduled.

The pope urged the young people at Changchung gymnasium "to struggle against defeatism" and to "fight the good fight of the faith." He told his young audience to "let the world know that we have chosen the path of truth, goodness and compassion, honesty and love, pardon and reconciliation because of our faith in Jesus Christ."

During his stay here, the pope delighted and sometimes shocked people.

A few minutes before the pope arrived in Taegu Saturday, rainbows appeared around the sun twice, to which the crowds shouted in unison "miracle, miracle."

On Sunday morning, a 23-year-old Korean man attempted to shoot a plastic toy pistol at the "popemobile" as it made its way to Myongdong Cathedral where the pope was to say mass.

South Korean police apprehended the man, indentified as Yi Chun-kyun, and took him to a nearby police station for questioning. Yi's father told police later that his son suffers from a mental disorder.

Before leaving Kimpo International Airport Monday morning, the pope said that the nation should "remember with profound regret" those in the North who could not share in his visit, those "waiting in pain the expectation to be reunited as one happy family."

The pope then boarded his specially fitted Alitalia DC-10 and left for Papua New Guinea on the second leg of his 10-day trip to Asia and the Pacific.

Leaves for New Guinea

SK070010 Seoul YONHAP in English 0008 GMT 7 May 84

[Text] Seoul, 7 May (YONHAP)--Pope John Paul II left here at 8:59 a.m. Monday (23:59 GMT Sunday) winding up a four-night and five-day pastoral visit to Korea.

President Chon Tu-hwan and Cardinal Stephen Kim Su-hwan, archbishop of the Korean Catholic Church, and more than 130 other government and Catholic leaders saw him off at Seoul's Kimpo International Airport.

The pope on board the specially fitted Alitalia DC-10 headed for Papua New Guinea, the second leg of his four-nation Asian tour.

John Paul II is the first pope of the Roman Catholic Church to set foot on the Korean soil. The Catholic Church in Korea celebrated its bicentennial with his visit, which was the pope's 21st foreign trip since his election in 1978.

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S.KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

BRIEFS

RULING ON CHINESE HIJACKERS--Seoul, 4 May (YONHAP)--The Supreme Court will pass a sentence May 22 on the six Chinese charged with hijacking a Chinese airliner from China to South Korea a year ago. The Chinese--five men and one woman--sentenced to jail terms ranging from four to six years on charges of violating South Korean laws on aircraft safety, immigration control, fire-arms control and aircraft navigation, appealed their cases to the highest court. In case the Supreme Court upholds the lower court's verdicts, the Korean Government is seriously considering releasing them by staying the execution of their sentences from humanitarian and diplomatic considerations. The hijacking resulted in the first official contact between Seoul and Beijing when an official delegation rushed from China to negotiate the return of the passengers, crew and airliner. China and South Korea have no diplomatic ties. [Text] [SK041213 Seoul YONHAP in English 1124 GMT 4 May 84]

ENVOY TO VISIT UAE, MOROCCO--Seoul, 7 May (YONHAP)--South Korean ruling Democratic Justice Party's secretary general Kwon Ik-hyon will leave Seoul for an official visit to the United Arab Emirates and Morocco as a special envoy of President Chon Tu-hwan. During his visit there, Kwon will meet with United Arab Emirates' President Shaykh Zayid and Morocco's King Hassan II to exchange views on Korean issues and matters of mutual concern. Kwon will be accompanied by two National Assembly men--Chong Chang-hwa of the ruling Democratic Justice Party and Yi Yong-chun of the opposition Democratic Korea Party. The delegation is scheduled to return to South Korea May 24. [Text] [SK070348 Seoul YONHAP in English 0309 GMT 7 May 84]

MEDAL TO GASTON THORN--Seoul, 7 May (YONHAP)--South Korean President Chon Tu-hwan conferred the Order of Diplomatic Service Merit, the Grand Kwanghwa Medal, on Gaston Thorn, president of the European Community Commission Monday. Thorn flew into Seoul for a three-day official visit at the invitation of South Korean Foreign Minister Yi Won-kyong Monday afternoon and made a courtesy call on the South Korean president. During his stay, Thorn will meet with Yi and Deputy Prime Minister and Economic Planning Minister Shin Pyong-hyon to discuss ways of promoting economic cooperation between Korea and the EC. The South Korean Government will try to ease EC members' restrictions on Korean products during Thorn's visit, government sources said. Thorn also will travel to the truce village of Panmunjom and industrial facilities. [Text] [SK070857 Seoul YONHAP in English 0743 GMT 7 May 84]

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FISH PLentiful IN N. KOREAN MARKETS

SK041053 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1038 GMT 4 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 4 May (KCNA)--The Sojang marine products direct sale store built on the beautiful Potong River is now crowded with customers as never before.

Every department of the store is stacked with turbot, herring, smooth skate, grey mullet and other fresh fish.

Customers can get fresh fish they like at any time.

The marine products direct sale store opened the door in February last year thanks to the solicitude of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il for supplying the citizens of the capital with tasty marine products in all seasons.

The direct sale store is regularly supplied with fresh marine products of the East and West seas of Korea under the direct transport system.

The store has a modern storehouse with a freezing capacity of scores of tons and sells marine products to thousands of citizens every day.

A few days ago the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il, conducting working guidance at the store, put forward the task to supply the citizens with greater quantities of different kinds of fresh sea food and operate and manage the store well.

Workers of the store are effectively conducting work to arrange the departments better and keep commercial service facilities neat according to the character of the marine products direct sale store.

Under the meticulous care of the dear leader who always directs deep attention to the life of the people, bases for the sale of marine products have been built up excellently in different parts of the capital.

All provinces facing sea including North and South Pyongan, North and South Hamgyong and Kangwon provinces have marine products direct sale stores in the capital. And all districts and counties of the capital have general marine products stores and all tong and ri marine products stores.

In particular, the Pyongyang marine products direct sale store in the heart of the city on the bank of the River Taedong is always crowded with customers for its various services and for selling different kinds of living fish in accordance with the demand of citizens.

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N.KOREA/ECONOMY

REPORTS ON DPRK TIDELAND RECLAMATION

SK091020 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1005 GMT 9 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 9 May (KCNA)—The reclamation of tideland is brisk in the western coast areas of Korea.

This year South Hwanghae Province is striving to reclaim more than 10,000 hectares of tideland and North Pyongan Province 8,800 hectares in Taegye Island alone.

Korea has only 1.5 million hectares of cultivated land for stable farming.

In Korea where agriculture is highly intensive and per hectare yield of crops reached a very high level, an important way of increasing grain production is to expand the area of cultivated land.

Korea has set herself the goal of reclaiming 300,000 hectares of tideland in the western coast areas till the end of the 1980s.

A solid material and technical foundation for attaining this vast target has been laid in Korea.

She has a wealth of experience in the reclamation of tideland and a large army of technicians and experts.

Korea's powerful industry ensures its attainment materially. When 300,000 hectares of tideland are reclaimed and good seeds of crops are obtained Korea will annually produce 10 million tons in rice alone.

The reclamation of tideland is going on under the far-reaching plan of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song for grand nature-remaking.

He brought to maturity a far-reaching plan of nature-remaking for reclaiming tideland in the western coast areas from the period of the hard-fought anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

In the early 1950s when the decisive fight with the U.S. imperialist aggressors was going on, he personally directed the work for reclaiming the tideland on the western coast and took measures to vigorously step up preparations for the reclamation of tideland.

He saw to it that institutions and enterprises were formed and experts were trained for the reclamation of tideland.

Recently he again indicated on several occasions the direction and ways for energetically carrying on the reclamation of tideland through whole-party, whole-state and all-people movement.

And he took concrete steps to solve the problem of water to be supplied to the paddy and non-paddy fields of the reclaimed tideland.

Along with endeavors to increase the area of cultivated land by reclaiming tideland, the large-scale Nampo lock gate and Taechon power station are under construction in Korea to secure resources for water supply.

Already a big success has been achieved in the reclamation of tideland.

More than 100 islands scattered on the sea off the western coast have been linked with the shore and tideland which had been laid idle for a long time has turned into a fertile land, with the result that many tideland farms have already made their appearance.

The Undok cooperative farm (Onchon County) and the Taepung cooperative farm (Pyongwon County) appeared and several tideland youth workteams were formed last year in the reclaimed tideland.

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BRIEFS

2 MILLION-TON BLASTING--Pyongyang, 5 May (KCNA)--A 2 million-ton blasting for carrying earth in a designated direction was successfully carried out recently at the Songsan mine. By succeeding in this blast on the basis of its experience in a 650,000-ton blasting in October last year, the mine made a breach in the development of a raw material base of the Suncheon vinalon factory with a 100,000 ton capacity now under construction. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0425 GMT 5 May 84 SK]

CABLEWAY LAID AT MINE--Pyongyang, 8 May (KCNA)--A modern cableway was built at the March 5 youth mine, a leading non-ferrous metal ore production centre of Korea. Very large is the transport capacity of the cableway stretching 130 ri from the ore dressing plant to the railway station. This cableway is equipped with remote control devices to load, carry and unload concentrated ore as well as automated instruments and facilities to prevent any unexpected accidents in any section. Earlier, the construction of a belt conveyor was completed at the mine. This increased the carriage capacity of concentrates and makes it possible to more thoroughly implement the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea for large excavation, transport and processing of ores. [Text] [SK081043 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1012 GMT 8 May 84]

IRANIAN AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION--Pyongyang, May 9 (KCNA)--An Iranian Government agricultural delegation headed by Mahmood Jamali, vice-minister of agriculture, arrived in Pyongyang on May 8 by air. It was met at the airport by Vice-Minister of External Economic Affairs Ho Hang-chan and Iranian Ambassador to our country A. Nahavardian. [Text] [SK110657 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0330 GMT 9 May 84]

TRANSPLANTING OF HUMUS-POTTED MAIZE--Pyongyang, 10 May (KCNA)--The transplanting of humus-potted maize seedlings is progressing in full swing on all cooperative farms of Korea. South Hwanghae Province, Kaesong Municipality, North Pyongan Province and Kangwon Province are stealing a march in this important spring farming. In a few days South Hwanghae Province carried out the province's plan for transplanting of humus-potted maize seedlings at 24 percent. The agricultural working people in Pyongyang have already transplanted seedlings in more than 2,500 hectares. In particular, seedlings have been transplanted in 21 percent of the total acreage of maize fields in Sungho District. This work is successfully progressing on cooperative farms in South Hamgyong, North Hwanghae and South Pyongan provinces, too. [Excerpt] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1005 GMT 10 May 84 SK]

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EGYPTIAN, TUNISIAN FIGURES HAIL KIM CHONG-IL

SK090427 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0356 GMT 9 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 9 May (KCNA)—The Korean book exhibition in the 16th Cairo international book fair held in Egypt and a Korean book, photo and handicraft exhibition held in Gabes Province, Tunisia, evoked widespread repercussions among the visitors.

They highly praised the greatness, imperishable exploits, wise leadership and noble virtues of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

B. Reilla, principal of the Tunisia-Korea Friendship Basha Street girls' senior middle school, said that His Excellency dear Kim Chong-il is an illustrious leader produced by our era.

The bright future of Korea and the happier life of the Korean people are guaranteed by him, the principal said.

Samir Said, director of the general exhibition bureau of the Egyptian book organisation, said that His Excellency dear Kim Chong-il is a sagacious leader whom all the Korean people revere and a genius of creation and construction.

Abdel Monem el Savi, chairman of the information committee of the National Democratic Party of Egypt and president of the African Journalists' Union, pointed out that every page of all books on display here is associated with the meticulous and energetic guidance and care of His Excellency Kim Chong-il. He said that the dear leader His Excellency Kim Chong-il is indeed a great teacher of journalists and writers.

Muhammad Mahi, an officer of the Egyptian Army, remarked that His Excellency dear Kim Chong-il is an outstanding thinker and theoretician, a genius of construction and a great master of military affairs.

The general secretary of the Gabes Provincial Cultural Committee of Tunisia said the brilliant exploits performed by His Excellency dear Kim Chong-il who is carrying forward the cause of His Excellency the great President Kim Il-sung earned for him the profound respect and reverence of the people.

G. Perira, teacher of a primary school in Gabes city, Tunisia, noted that the guiding idea to be upheld by the Third World countries is the great chuche idea fathered by respected President Kim Il-song and developed in depth by His Excellency dear Kim Chong-il.

The chairman of the Gabes City Cultural Committee of Tunisia said that Korea's successes in literature and art are a brilliant fruition of the original ideological and theoretical activities and wise guidance of His Excellency dear Kim Chong-il who has perfectly mastered and is constantly developing in depth the revolutionary ideas and theories of respected President Kim Il-song on literature and art.

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KULLOJA DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 8 May (KCNA)--A delegation of the Kulloja Publishing House headed by its editor-in-chief Kim Yong-hak left Pyongyang on May 7 by train for a visit to China. It was seen off at Pyongyang railway station by director of the publication guidance Bureau Yi Pong-su, deputy editor-in-chief of NODONG SINMUN Pak Chong-sun, deputy editor-in-chief of the Kulloja Publishing House Ko Song-il and an official of the Chinese Embassy in Pyongyang. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 2205 GMT 7 May 84 SK]

DPRK DELEGATIONS--Pyongyang, 5 May (KCNA)--The Korean movie delegation headed by Kim Myong-ho, deputy director of the general bureau of film of the Ministry of Culture and Art which had participated in the opening function of a Korean film week held in Algeria on the occasion of the birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the delegation of the Korean sports and physical culture guidance committee headed by its vice-chairman Yi Chang-son which had visited Cuba and the delegation of the Korean Journalists Union headed by Kim Chong-hwan, editor-in-chief of PYONGYANG SINMUN, which had visited Czechoslovakia, and the delegation of Kunroja Publishing House headed by its deputy editor-in-chief Ko Song-il which had visited the Soviet Union returned home on May 4. N.K. Nantival, editor of the Indian paper BLITZ, Icnacio Cabrera, professor of the State Autonomous University of Mexico, and a Guyanese delegation for the study of the chuche idea headed by Edward S. Seecharan arrived in Pyongyang yesterday. Han Dal Hong, a Korean residing in the United States, arrived in Pyongyang on a visit to the homeland. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0802 GMT 5 May 84 SK]

SOVIET MOVIE DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 8 May (KCNA)--A Soviet movie delegation headed by S.A. Solomatin, vice-president of the state movie committee of the Soviet Union, a delegation of the Romanian paper ROMANIA LIBERA headed by its chief editor Maria Costache, a delegation of the Hungarian paper MAGYAR HIRLAP headed by its first deputy chief editor Andras Tabori, and a delegation of the Bulgarian paper RABOTNICHESKO DELO headed by its deputy chief editor Emil Nikolov Dimitrov arrived here yesterday. A scholars' delegation of Naimey University, Niger, headed by Prof Kimba Idrissa, head of a chair of the university, a delegation of the Sankt Poelten branch of the Society for the Promotion of the Relations Between Austria and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea headed by Josef Bugl, and a delegation of Koeln Popular University of West Germany headed by its vice-director Konrad Schayer also arrived here. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0353 GMT 8 May 84 SK]

DPRK WRITERS DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 9 May (KCNA)--The writers delegation of our country headed by Chong Tok-chol, vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Writers Union, returned home on May 8 after visiting China. Albrecht Lein, president of the Korea Studies Association in West Germany, and his party arrived here yesterday. G.B. Maryamov, secretary of the movie-men's union of the Soviet Union; the Prokofiev state quartet of the Soviet Union; the delegation of the Asian Regional Institute of the Chuchoe Idea and Delhi Youth Research Academy of the chuchoe idea headed by Prof Rajagopalan, director of a department of the Bangalore University, India, the Sakata City, Japan, friendship delegation headed by Taisaku Soma, mayor of the city; Prof Peter Dencik, president of the Institute of Political Sciences of University of Copenhagen, Denmark; the delegation of scholars of University of Tampere, Finland, headed by Prof Osmo Apunen, dean of the faculty of social sciences of the university; and the Nepalese journalists delegation headed by K.P. Siwakoti left here yesterday. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0408 GMT 9 May 84 SK]

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DPRK-ZAIRE COMMUNIQUE SIGNED IN KINSHASA

SK032219 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2204 GMT 3 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 4 May (KCNA)—A joint communique was published on April 26 in Kinshasa between the delegation in the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the delegation of the Legislative Council of the Republic of Zaire.

Referring to the excellent relations existing between Korea and Zaire, particularly between the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly and the Legislative Council of Zair, the communique calls for strengthening exchange between the Supreme People's Assembly and the Legislative Council to further develop the relations on the basis of respect of common desire for chajusong (independence) and the great welfare of the people.

It expresses regret at the growth of the source of tension on the global scale and calls upon the parliaments of all countries to strive for disarmament.

It expresses support to the South African people and the Namibian people in their just struggle against apartheid and for national independence.

It recognizes the necessity of South-South cooperation.

In the joint communique the Zairese side reaffirms support to the Korean people's struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country without foreign interference.

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'TEXT' OF DANISH PARTY LEADERS SPEECH AT BANQUET

SK051727 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1608 GMT 5 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 5 May (KCNA)--Mr Anker Joergensen, chairman of the Danish Social Democratic Party, made a speech at a banquet arranged by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, this evening at the Kumsusan assembly hall in honor of him and his companion on a visit to our country.

Follows the full text of his speech:

Dear Comrade President Kim Il-song,

First, on behalf of our party and on my own behalf I want to thank you very much for your kind invitation to your country.

We in the Danish Social Democratic Party think it very important that there are very good contacts and understanding between us and that we have possibilities to exchange our views. I'll also tell you that we have been very glad when you and your party have sent several delegations including party delegations to Denmark, with which I have very often had contacts.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Kingdom of Denmark are very far away from each other, first of all, geographically, but also our culture, our history and our political system are very different but just. Therefore, we in my party think that we need to have this good contact and cooperation.

I know very well that your history has been very tormenting. First of all, your party and your country have suffered much from the war directly. We know very well that your wonderful city of Pyongyang today was destroyed by more than 400,000 bombs during the war. Therefore, it is very difficult for me to understand how you have been able to rebuild your city as we see today. Yesterday I and my wife saw some of your city and I was very much impressed by your achievements.

We also understand that you President Kim Il-song has been the outstanding leader of a very long, hard-fought struggle for the independence of your country.

I understand that your people want to be free from any domination of big countries. One of the big tasks before the Korean people is to promote the reunification of Korea. I understand very well that one people want to live in one country; so I absolutely support your struggle in favour of this goal.

I really hope that it is possible for you to reach this justified goal with peaceful and democratic means through a realistic negotiation between the North and the South of Korea in a way acceptable to the entire Korean people.

I know how much you President Kim Il-song have worked with all your devotion for the independence of this wonderful country and the happiness of your people.

I have had some experiences in the same direction. During the Second World War Denmark was occupied from 1940 to 1945 by the German troops and we fought against the occupation forces. I think our struggle was a hard one. But I am sure we can't compare with all the tormented events as you and your country have experienced.

Today, your country, the DPRK has turned into a developed country from a very poor country which was under the occupation of the imperialist forces in the past.

Now yours is an independent country where your people lead a very good and healthy life. Your productivity in both industry and agriculture is very high. This development is very fantastic.

I'll also say that it is wonderful to see your happy people: All your people have jobs, all of them like to work and look glad and satisfied. The children and school pupils in blue and white uniforms are optimistic, and this young generation is the hope and future of your country.

You have built your society in a quite other way than we have done in Denmark. You have reached many of your goals fantastically fast. This is possible because you President Kim Il-song have shown your people the way to follow and your people stay behind their leader and also because your people really wanted to build their country wonderfully again.

Your people have worked enormously. I am really impressed by it. The willingness and discipline of your people are on a very high level.

We in Denmark began to build up our industry and our democracy from 1849. Since this year we had political democracy in our country. At the beginning our women had no right to vote. Now I can say that we not only have democracy for a long time but also used it.

We are a monarchy and our queen is the highest representative for our country. But it is also absolutely true when I say it is the people, the parliament and the government that make all the political decisions. Therefore, I think I am right when I say that we are very near to what we think, that is a real democracy.

We have built up a society where we, through the trade union and the Social Democratic Party, have a strong influence on the development of our society.

I think our social welfare state has reached a very high degree of social security and the workers on the working place have developed influence and right to cooperation about the common problems in the production.

Our party, the Social Democratic Party, led the country for many years.

Sometimes for a short period there were liberal governments or conservative governments but the Social Democratic Party came back to power again. The parliamentary democracy can, in many aspects, be a difficult way, to develop the country. But nevertheless, we think it is the best way.

Since 1924, we have had the government, interrupted for a short period. Just now we have a coalition government by some conservative and liberal parties. Of course we are absolutely not satisfied with that and we fight against this government with all democratic means. But also today it is possible to stop many of the conservative initiatives as the government wants to promote.

We in Denmark are not satisfied with the development of the international situation. I am thinking both on the economic crisis that has been going on for most of the 10 years. But we also follow the development of the security problems very narrowly. We think that all the people have to fight very actively to promote all kinds of work in favour of peace.

We follow very narrowly the technical development in our country. We agree with our trade union movement that we need to shorten our work hours from 40 to 35 hours a week. We think it can be right when the state takes over some kind of ownership. But in the big part of production, we prefer to find a way in the future what we call the economic democracy. It is a way where the workers come, in a still higher degree, to be part of ownership. And we have worked out a proposal in our parliament and fight for a political development of our ownership in this direction in favour of the workers.

At the same time we are a member of NATO and we want to stay there. But we fight against the deployment and development of nuclear weapons. We think that the nuclear weapons in the East and the West have to be reduced and that the best way, if possible, is that we should have this kind of weapons removed away.

This is a way we can secure the future.

Dear Comrade President Kim Il-song, once more I want to thank you very much for the kind invitation.

I was very glad for the talks we had today. I think the talks are very useful and open-hearted discussions. I also thank you very much for the speech you made tonight at this banquet in high appraisal of our party and myself.

I want to thank you very much once more dear President Kim Il-song, your party and the Korean people for the warm welcome and kind hospitality.

I sincerely wish you, dear president, great successes in your work and your people still greater progress in the future.

I want to wish not only your people but also all mankind peace.

Finally, may I propose a toast to the friendship and cooperation between the Workers' Party of Korea and the Danish Social Democratic Party, to the long life and good health of dear President Kim Il-song, and to the health of all people present here.

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REPORTAGE ON INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR KIM CHONG-IL

Indian Seminar

SK050829 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0820 GMT 5 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 5 May (KCNA)—A letter to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il was adopted at the Indian national seminar on the chuche idea which was held on April 13.

The letter says:

Through the seminar we reaffirmed our firm conviction that the immortal chuche idea is a great idea which constitutes the highest stage of development of the progressive thought of mankind and a most correct guiding idea of our times which clearly indicates the path for the accomplishment of the human cause of chajusong (independence).

The cause of chuche started by the great President His Excellency Kim Il-song is today being carried forward and developed by Your Excellency Kim Chong-il, the dear leader.

Your excellency, dear leader, have performed imperishable feats in developing and enriching the chuche idea with our outstanding ideological and theoretical activities and wise leadership and are leading the entire people along the one road of victory in the accomplishment of the chuche cause.

Indeed, it is a greatest glory and pride of the Korean people and great fortune and joy of the world progressive mankind to have your excellency the great Kim Chong-il as the successor to the cause of chuche.

We will disseminate the chuche idea among broad segments of the masses and actively apply it in the building of a new society, deeply conscious of our mission to the times and the peoples.

The letter wholeheartedly wishes the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il good health and a long life.

Indian Newspaper

SK070832 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0812 GMT 7 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 7 May (KCNA)--The March issue of the Indian paper SECULAR INDIAN YOUTH carried an article headlined "Comrade Kim Chong-il Brightly Indicates the Road Ahead of the Cause of Chuche."

The paper said:

The respected leader of the Korean people Comrade Kim Il-song founded the great chuche idea.

The chuche idea that the popular masses are the masters of the revolution and construction and they are also the motive force of the revolution and construction.

The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il with a perfect grasp on the great chuche idea is brilliantly embodying it.

Today a large number of Third World countries are breaking the colonial chains of imperialism and advancing along the road of socialism, taking the chuche idea as a guideline.

These countries are achieving freedom and prosperity under the banner of the great chuche idea.

The great victory of the Korean revolution is a striking demonstration of this idea's vitality.

The idea on the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, developed and enriched by Comrade Kim Chong-il is greatly conducive to the revolutionary cause of the Third World countries.

The Third World countries should learn from the successes achieved in Korea by applying the chuche idea.

Congolese Radio

SK091024 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1014 GMT 9 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 9 May (KCNA)--Congolese Radio aired an article on April 26 on the occasion of the first anniversary of the publication of "Let Us Advance Under the Banner of Marxism-Leninism and the Chuche Idea", a historic treatise of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

Noting that in his treatise he estimated the feats of Marx and the role of Marxism in carrying out the revolutionary cause of the working class and analyzed the great victory and historical experiences of the Workers' Party of Korea in the course of leading the Korean revolution under the banner of the immortal chuche idea, the article says:

The basic idea running through the treatise is to carry the cause of socialism and communism to completion to the end under the revolutionary banner of the chuche idea which was founded by the great leader and whose truth and vitality have been proved in the revolutionary practice.

The treatise will make a positive contribution to bringing earlier the communist future, strengthening and developing the international communist movement, the working class movement and the Non-aligned Movement and promoting the cause of anti-imperialism and independence for making the whole world independent and the final victory of the world revolution.

It is a monumental work summing up the great victory won by brilliantly applying the chuche idea in the revolution and construction and an inspiring banner vigorously stimulating the struggle of the revolutionary people of the world for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism.

Lecture in Ghana

SK101022 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1012 GMT 10 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 10 May (KCNA)--A lecture on the outstanding ideological and theoretical activities of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il was held in Accra on April 21 under the sponsorship of the literati and artists branch of the Ghana National Institute of the Chuche Idea.

Placed on the platform of the lecture hall were a portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and a portrait of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

The chief of the branch gave a lecture on the subject "The Dear Leader Comrade Kim Chong-il Is a Great Thinker and Theoretician."

In the lecture he stressed that the ideological and theoretical activities of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il are shining with immortal ideological and theoretical exploits he has performed in firmly defending the revolutionary ideas of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and further deepening and developing them with his rare intelligence, scientific penetration, tireless thinking and energetic quest.

Noting that the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il has formulated the revolutionary ideas of the great leader scientifically and theoretically and set forth the programme of modelling the whole society on the chuche idea, he said that this holds a most shining place in the ideological and theoretical activities of the dear leader.

Characteristic of the ideological and theoretical activities of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il is, he said, that he is unboundedly loyal to the revolutionary ideas of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and thoroughly maintains the chuche-oriented stand and methodology in solving all problems.

A letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and a letter to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il were adopted at the lecture.

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WPK DELEGATION ARRIVES IN LIMA

SK060529 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0454 GMT 6 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 6 May (KCNA)--A delegation of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by Kim Yong-son, secretary of its Central Committee arrived in Lima on May 2 to participate in the celebrations of the 60th founding anniversary of the American Popular Revolutionary Alliance of Peru.

The delegation was met at the airport by Romualdo Biaggi, member of the Political Committee of the National Executive Committee of the American Popular Revolutionary Alliance of Peru and president of its national discipline commission, Carlos Roca, member of the Political Committee of the National Executive Committee of the Alliance and secretary in charge of the international relations, Jorge Valverde, member of the National Executive Committee of the Alliance and national general secretary of the National Students Committee of the Alliance, and Angel Castro Lavarello, president of the National Liberation Front of Peru and chairman of the Peru-Korea Institute of Culture and Friendship.

Present at the airport were the chief and members of the DPRK Trade Mission in Peru.

On its way to Peru the delegation stopped over in Moscow from April 28 to 29.

It was met and farewelled at the airport by N. M. Smirnovsky, deputy director of the international relations department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and other personages concerned.

The delegation dropped in Cuba from April 29 to May 2. In this period it was invited to the May Day demonstration and banquet in Cuba.

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FOREIGN MEDIA MARK KIM IL-SONG'S BIRTHDAY

SK071032 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1020 GMT 7 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 7 May (KCNA)--Foreign mass media dedicated special writeups and articles to the birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

The Zambian paper ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL April 12 and 14 edited special writeups under the respective titles "The Great Leader Who Is Devoting His Life to the People" and "We Wholeheartedly Wish President Kim Il-song Good Health and a Long Life."

The April 14 issue of the paper said:

With his outstanding ideological and theoretical activities President Kim Il-song gives a lucid exposition of complicated theoretical and practical problems being raised before the world revolution at present.

President Kim Il-song illumines the road of struggle ahead of the people who have risen in the cause of independence against imperialism and sincerely supports and encourages their struggle. This is his precious contribution to the world revolution.

The Lesotho paper LESOTHO WEEKLY April 13 carried an article introducing the arch of triumph and the Indian paper BLITZ April 14 an article introducing the glorious and brilliant revolutionary history of the great leader.

The papers printed portraits of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

The Tanzanian papers UHURU and MFANYA KAZI April 14 edited a special writeup and carried an article respectively together with a photograph showing the great leader going round the Kim Il-song stadium reconstructed on an expansion scale and a photograph showing him inspecting the "Chungsong Bridge."

The paper MFANYA KAZI in its article stressed that the birth of the great President Kim Il-song was a big auspicious event shining in history and a magnificent sunrise heralding the dawn of the chuche era, a new era of revolution. It stressed:

President Kim Il-song is a lodestar of human liberation and a great sun hewing out the era of chajusong and adding lustre to it.

As there is President Kim Il-song the people's cause of chajusong (independence) is advancing from victory to victory and their future is bright.

The Egyptian paper AL AKHBAR April 15 stressed that the great leader is wisely leading the revolution and construction. The Senegalese paper LE SOLEIL April 15 also dedicated an article to his birthday.

Sudanese television April 13, Lesotho Radio April 14 and Guinean Radio April 15 broadcast congratulatory programs.

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REPORTAGE ON CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE'S ARMY ANNIVERSARY

Foreign Media

SK071016 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1004 GMT 7 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 7 May (KCNA)--Foreign mass media published articles on the occasion of the 52nd anniversary of the founding of the heroic Korean People's Army.

The Polish paper ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI April 25 carried an article titled "On the Defence Line of the DPRK," "Day of the Korean People's Army", together with a photograph showing training of the Korean People's Army soldiers.

The Korean People's Army, it noted, fully showed its combat power, bravery and boldness in the past three-year fatherland liberation war.

Saying that the criminal war moves of the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique which have been further intensified with each passing day pose a practical threat to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the paper stressed: Accordingly, the units of the Korean People's Army always maintain a combat mobilization posture.

On April 25 RABOTNICHESKO DELO and other central papers of Bulgaria in articles titled "Holiday of the Korean People's Army" expressed full support and solidarity for our people's righteous struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

On the same day, the Thai paper THE NATION REVIEW carried articles headlined "Warm Congratulations to the Heroic Korean People's Army on its Founding Anniversary" and "The Korean People's Army Is Indestructible Self-defensive Armed Forces", together with a photograph of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song conducting on-the-spot guidance on a cooperative farm, and the Nigerian paper NEW NIGERIAN and Radio Lagos also reported articles marking the 52nd KPA founding anniversary.

The PTI NEWS AGENCY OF INDIA said on April 25:

As invincible self-defensive armed forces safeguarding its homeland and the people, the Korean People's Army takes as a guideline in its activity

the immortal chuche idea of President Kim Il-song and the principle of self-reliance in national defence, its embodiment.

The KPA is defending its homeland as firm as an iron wall, creditably performing its mission as invincible self-defenseive armed forces.

Maltese Radio also celebrated the anniversary on the same day.

CAR President Sends Message

SK100447 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0431 GMT 10 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 10 May (KCNA)--The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song received a message of greetings from General Andre Kolingba, president of the Military Committee for National Redressment of the Central African Republic, head of state, minister of defence and veteran fighters and chief of the general staff of the armed forces, on the 52nd anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army.

The message dated April 25 reads:

Your excellency president,

I am happy to extend warm congratulations to your excellency president and the entire members of the armed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on behalf of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Central African Army and on my own on the occasion of the 52nd anniversary of the founding of the glorious Korean People's Army.

Thanks to your superb strategy, the Korean People's Army liberated their fatherland from all manner of oppression and domination, creditably and self-sacrificingly repulsing all foreign aggression.

Your firm determination concerning the anti-imperialist struggle has been fully embodied in your efforts to harmoniously construct the country and bring better prosperity to the entire Korean people.

Your excellency president,

I am confident that under your wise leadership the reunification of Korea will be realised for the Korean people's happiness.

Please accept, your excellency president, highest considerations.

Foreign Functions Held

SK100445 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0427 GMT 10 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 10 May (KCNA)--Functions were held in foreign countries on the 52nd anniversary of the founding of the heroic Korean People's Army.

Celebration meetings were held at an army unit stationed in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, on April 24 and at the Ugandan Ministry of Defence on April 25.

Film shows were arranged at the Siad Military Academy of Somalia on April 23, the Kim Il-song library in Somalia on April 24, the Institute of Science of the Ministry of Defence of Somalia on April 27, Lagos of Nigeria on April 27 and local areas of Togo from April 24 to 29 and a film show and photo exhibition at the headquarters of the Zimbabwean militias on April 24.

Portraits of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song were placed in the halls where the functions took place.

On display there were photographs showing the proud path of victory covered by our people's army under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

A letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was adopted at a meeting held in Uganda.

Korean films were screened at the film receptions.

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FERRARI LEADS SEYCHELLES DELEGATION ON VISIT

Arrives in Pyongyang

SK081520 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1503 GMT 8 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 8 May (KCNA)—A government delegation of the Republic of Seychelles headed by His Excellency Maxime Ferrari, minister of planning and external relations, arrived in Pyongyang on 8 May by plane for a visit to our country on the invitation of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The goodwill envoy of the Seychellois people was warmly welcomed by a large number of working people at the airport. The delegation was met there by Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam and personages concerned.

Attends Banquet

SK100455 Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2200 GMT 9 May 84

["Text of Kim Yong-nam speech at banquet for Seychellois Government delegation on 9 May in Pyongyang--read by announcer]

[Text] First of all, let me warmly welcome you to our country as the carriers of goodwill toward our people from the Seychelles, the beautiful island country in the Indian Ocean. Your visit to our country will provide an important momentum in further promoting the friendship and unity between the peoples of our two countries who are endeavoring together to construct an independent new world free from all forms of domination and subjugation.

Along the broad road of friendship that has been firmly solidified through the many historical meetings between the great leader of our people Comrade Kim Il-song and President France Albert Rene, the respected leader of the Seychellois people, the governments of the two countries have developed exchanges and cooperation continuously and have promoted friendly ties. We are gratified that the friendly and cooperative relations between Korea and Seychelles are developing well with each passing day in political, economic, cultural, and many other fields. The successes attained by the Korean and Seychellois peoples on the road of constructing the independent and prosperous new society are contributing to the strengthening of the overall strength of the Nonaligned Movement.

Our people are watching with great admiration the vigorous struggle being waged by the Seychellois people to build the advanced socialist system in which all

people are equally well-off in accordance with the Seychellois lines of socialist construction put forward by their excellent leader His Excellency President France Albert Rene.

The active struggle of the Seychellois Government to make the Indian Ocean a peace zone, adhering to the principles of independence and nonalignment, is evoking the consistent support and consensus of the world's progressive people. Our people are convinced that the friendly Seychellois people will valiantly crush all the destructive maneuvers of the imperialists and the local reactionaries and advance with conviction along the road of socialism which they have chosen, and sincerely wish them even greater progress and success in their rewarding struggle in the future.

Today, our people are vigorously accelerating the march forward to carry out to the end the Chuche revolutionary cause which the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song pioneered. Because the great leader's revolutionary cause is gloriously inherited and developed by our party, our country is greeting today as the great heyday of national prosperity. Our people are now affecting a great change and innovations in all areas of socialist construction under the wise guidance of the party Central Committee headed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, upholding the banner of the three revolutions--ideological, technological, and cultural.

Today, the imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists are engaging in undisguised maneuvers of aggression and interference on the Korean peninsula, in the Indian Ocean region, and in many areas of the world; thus, the world situation is becoming more tense with each passing day.

The U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique are now waging more wickedly than ever the maneuvers for perpetual division and for provoking a new war in our country. With active support of the world's peace-loving people, the Korean people will crush all the maneuvers of the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique, and realize national reunification, thereby actively contributing to peace of Asia and the world.

We resolutely condemn the U.S. and other imperialists for their continuous buildup of military strength in the Indian Ocean region, threatening peace and security in this region and plundering the abundant underground resources, and send firm support and solidarity with the just struggle of the people and Government of the Republic of Seychelles to make the Indian Ocean a nuclear-free and peace zone. I am convinced that your visit to our country will promote trust and friendship between us and contribute to development of friendship between the two countries, and propose a toast to the friendship and unity between the peoples of Korea and the Seychelles, to the good health and long life of His Excellency President France Albert Rene, the excellent leader of the Seychellois people, to the good health and long life of the great leader of our people Comrade Kim Il-song, to the health of the respected His Excellency Maxime Ferrari, and to the health of all present here.

Meets With Kang Song-san

SK110017 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2200 GMT 19 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang 11 May (KCNA)--Comrade Kang Song-san, premier of the Administration Council, on 10 May met and had a friendly talk with the government delegation of Seychelles headed by His Excellency Maxime Ferrari, minister of planning and external relations. Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Kim Yong-sop was on hand.

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YASIR 'ARAFAT SENDS MESSAGES FOLLOWING DEPARTURE

Kim Il-song

SK100515 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0451 GMT 10 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 10 May (KCNA)--The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received a message of thanks sent by Yasir 'Arafat, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and commander-in-chief of the Palestine Revolutionary Armed Forces, upon leaving our country on May 9.

The message reads:

Please accept my revolutionary greetings.

Upon leaving your friendly country, I extend noblest regards and thanks to your excellency and your party, government and people on behalf of myself and the members of the delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation for the particular and kind hospitality and wonderful official and popular welcome accorded us during our visit this time.

I also express thanks to you for your support and encouragement to the struggle of our Palestinian people.

I assure you that we will resolutely and firmly stand by the side of your people in the struggle for reunifying the two parts of the country by founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo.

In closing, I wish your excellency good health and a long life as well as the friendly people of democratic Korea greater progress and prosperity.

Kim Chong-il

SK100806 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0758 GMT 10 May 84

[Text] Pyongyang, 10 May (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il received a message of thanks sent by Yasir 'Arafat, chairman of the Executive

Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and commander-in-chief of the Palestine Revolutionary Armed Forces, upon leaving our country on May 9.

The message reads:

Allow me to extend revolutionary greetings to you.

Upon leaving your friendly country, I extend noblest thanks to you on behalf of myself and the members of the delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation for the particular hospitality accorded us during our stay in your kind country.

I also hope your people will register greater victory and successes in all fields under your wise leadership, taking the ideas of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il-song as a guiding principle.

In closing, I wish you a long life in good health and happiness as well as your friendly people greater progress and prosperity.

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BRIEFS

NEW ENVOY TO ZAMBIA--Pyongyang, 10 May (KCNA)--Kenneth David Kaunda, president of the Republic of Zambia, on May 3 received credentials from Kim Tong-hwa, newly-appointed ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of our country to this country. Speaking on the occasion, the president stressed that the proposal for tripartite talks is a reasonable one for a peaceful solution of the Korean problem. The ambassador conveyed cordial regards of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song to the president. The president expressed deep thanks for this and asked the ambassador to convey his heartfelt greetings to the great leader. The Zambian people deeply respect Comrade President Kim Il-song as a great man, he noted, and said: This is because he has performed great exploits not only for the Korean people but for the world's people. Comrade President Kim Il-song is the greatest revolutionary of our time and the great Comrade Kim Il-song is devoting his all to the struggle against imperialism, stressed the president. Referring to the problem of Korean reunification, the president voiced firm support to the policies put forward by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song for the peaceful reunification of Korea. The talk proceeded in a friendly atmosphere. [Text] [SK092221 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2204 GMT 9 May 84]

DELEGATION IN BANGLADESH--Pyongyang, 6 May (KCNA)--A. Rahman Khan, prime minister of Bangladesh, on May 2 met the government educational delegation of our country headed by Choe Tae-pok, chairman of the education commission. The prime minister asked the head of the delegation to convey his heartfelt greetings to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song. He said that the Bangladesh people were studying the chuche idea founded by the great leader and the lines and policies put forward by him. Referring to the friendly relations between Bangladesh and Korea, he said Bangladesh would make efforts to further strengthen and develop these relations in the future. Saying that the government and people of Bangladesh hope for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea without foreign interference, he declared that there was no change in the stand of Bangladesh towards the question of Korean reunification. The conversation took place in a friendly atmosphere. [Text] [SK060523 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0451 GMT 6 May 84]

MESSAGE FROM ANC LEADER--Pyongyang, 11 May (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il received a message of thanks sent by Boyce Bocibo, administrator of the African National Congress of South Africa, upon leaving our country on April 30. In the message he sincerely extended revolutionary

greetings of the oppressed people and the fighting people of his country under the leadership of the African National Congress of South Africa to His Excellency Kim Chong-il, the dear leader. Your excellency, I came to realise how you have converted your country that had been reduced to ashes by the U.S. imperialist forces of aggression into a genuine paradise of the people, he noted, and said: All this is possible because the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song correctly applied the chuche idea and you have dynamic and outstanding guidance. No people of sober thinking will doubt the might of Kimilsongism. I believe that what I learned in your country will help towards promoting the struggle for chajusong in our country. Your excellency, in conclusion, I wish you good health and a long life as well as success in your noble work for building communism, the cherished desire of mankind. [Text] [SK110505 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0453 GMT 11 May 84]

NODONG SINMUN DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 2 May (KCNA)--A delegation of NODONG SINMUN headed by its first deputy editor-in-chief Choe Chil-nam left here on May 2 by air to attend functions of the Soviet day of the press. It was seen off at the airport by deputy editor-in-chief of NODONG SINMUN So Tong-pom and Soviet Ambassador to Korea N. M. Shubnikov. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1536 GMT 2 May 84 SK]

DELEGATION TO LABOR MINISTERS MEETING--Pyongyang, 2 May (KCNA)--A delegation of our country headed by Minister of Labour Administration Yun So left here today by air to attend the third meeting of non-aligned and other developing countries to be held in Nicaragua. It was seen off at the airport by Minister of External Economic Affairs Chong Song-nam and Charge d'affaires ad Interim of the Cuban Embassy Pedro Moran Tapanes in Pyongyang. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1534 GMT 2 May 84 SK]

HWANG CHANG-YOP MEETING--Pyongyang, 3 May (KCNA)--Hwang Chang-yop, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, on May 2 met and had a friendly talk with Prof Peter Denicik, director of the Institute of the Political Sciences of Copenhagen University of Denmark, and the scholars delegation of Tampere University, Finland, headed by Prof Osmo Apunen, dean of the faculty of social science of Tampere University, Finland. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 2201 GMT 2 May 84 SK]

DANISH VISITOR--Pyongyang, 4 May (KCNA)--Mr Anker Joergensen, chairman of the Social-Democratic Party of Denmark and vice-chairman of the Socialist International, and his entourage arrived in Pyongyang today by air for a visit to our country at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea. The guests were warmly welcomed at the airport by a large number of working people in the city. They were met there by Comrade Ho Dam, member of the Political Bureau, and secretary, of the WPK Central Committee, and Kil Chae-kyong, alternate member, and vice-director of a department, of the WPK Central Committee. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1044 GMT 4 May 84 SK]

NEW ENVOY TO HUNGARY--Pyongyang, 5 May (KCNA)--Yu Yong-kol, DPRK ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the Hungarian People's Republic, on April 28 presented his credentials to Pal Losonczi, president of the Presidential Council of the HPR. The ambassador conveyed cordial regards of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song to the president. The president expressed deep thanks for this and asked the ambassador to convey his heartfelt greetings to the great leader. Referring to the friendly relations between Korea and Hungary, he wished the Korean people great success in socialist construction. As regards the question of Korean reunification he said the Hungarian people actively support the Korean people in their struggle to reunify the country peacefully and on a democratic principle without imperialist interference. The conversation took place in a friendly atmosphere. [Text] [SK050825 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0818 GMT 5 May 84]

GIFT TO PRC SCHOOL--Beijing, 6 May (KCNA)--The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song sent a gift to the Jilin Yuwen Middle School. His gift was conveyed by Kim Ui-kok, head of the delegation of the Changdok School of our country, which had attended the celebration of the 67th anniversary of the founding of the Jilin Yuwen Middle School on May 5. [Text] [SK062340 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2204 GMT 6 May 84]

GREETINGS TO GUADELOUPE CP--Pyongyang, 7 May (KCNA)--The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on May 5 sent a message of greetings to Guy Danente, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Guadeloupe. The message says: The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea extends warm congratulations to you on the successful holding of the Eighth Congress of your party and on your reelection as general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Guadeloupe. Believing that the friendly relations between our two parties will further develop in the future, we take this opportunity to wish you greater success in your responsible work. [Text] [SK070828 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0810 GMT 7 May 84]

GROUP VISITS CAMEROON--Pyongyang, 8 May (KCNA)--The delegation of the Supreme People's Assembly of our country headed by Yang Hong-sop, chairman of its Standing Committee, visited Cameroon from April 30 to May 4. On May 2 the delegation met and had a talk in a friendly atmosphere with Solomon Tandeng Muna, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National Union of Cameroon and president of the Cameroonian National Assembly. During its stay in Cameroon the delegation was invited to a party arranged by the president of the National Assembly. The delegation toured various places of Yaounde and Douala during its visit. [Text] [SK072305 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2203 GMT 7 May 84]

DPRK-JAPAN DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 9 May (KCNA)--A delegation of the Korea-Japan Export and Import Company headed by its director Yun Chae-su arrived in Pyongyang on May 8 by air for a visit to the socialist homeland. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0331 GMT 9 May 84 SK]

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 9 May (KCNA)--A chemical industry delegation of our country headed by Maeng Tae-ho, minister of chemical industry, left here on May 8 by air for a visit to China. It was seen off at the airport by Minister of Communications Kim Yong-chae, Vice-Minister of Chemical Industry Kim Sang-ho and officials of the Chinese Embassy in Pyongyang. [Text] [Pyongyang KCNA In English 0411 GMT 9 May 84 SK]

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